Excess sales turn out of drugs units

1817. SHRI MIRZA IRSHAD BAIG: Will the Minister of CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS be pleased to refer to the answer to Unstarred Question 1293 given in the Rajya Sabha on the 18th May, 1985 and state:

(a) the names of the unit which crossed the exempted limit of sales turnover and to whom notices were sent in May, 1984 to apply for price fixation;

(b) how many units applied for price approval from May, 1984 to 30th June, 1985;

(c) when did each unit cross the limit and what was the sales turnover of each during 1983-84 and 1984-85;

(d) what are the names of the products of each company which is having sales turnover of each product more than Rupees fifty lacs;

(e) what was the sales turnover of each of such products during 1984-85; and

(f) why Government are not fixing the prices in spite of the fact that consumers are paying high prices?

THE MINISTER OF CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS AND INDUSTRY AND COMPANY AFFAIRS (SHRI VEERENDRA PATIL): (a) to (f) Instances of some companies continuing to market their formulations without price approval even after crossing the limit of Rs. 50 lakhs in sales turnover came to the notice of the Government in the beginning of the year 1984. After examination of the matter notices have been issued to over 200 units which *prima-facie* have crossed the limit of Rs. fifty lakhs in sales turnover. Replies to the notices and representation from one of the Association on behalf of such units have only been received recently. These representations would be considered and action taken in accordance with the due procedure of law.

Demand of Pyrazinamide

1818. SHRI SYED RAHMAT ALI: Will the Minister of CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS be pleased to refer to the answer to Starred Question 191 given in the Rajya Sabha on the 13th May, 1985 and state:

(a) what is the estimated demand of Pyrazinamide during 1985-86;

(b) what are the names of the companies who were granted manufacturing approvals alongwith capacity approved in each case;

(c) what is the stage from which production was permitted in each case;

(d) what are the names and capacities of the companies who have already made investment;

(e) whether the price of Pyrazinamide was fixed on the basis of cost and technical study of the production; if so, what price was recommended by Bureau of Industrial Costs and Prices, unit-wise;

(f) what was the cost of production recommended and claimed by the company;

(g) the names of six major formulators who are marketing formulations based on this drug alongwith prices fixed for each pack strength of each of their products;

(h) whether it is a fact that companies are selling the drug at higher prices; and

(i) if so, what action has been taken against the companies?

THE MINISTER OF CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS AND INDUSTRY AND COMPANY AFFAIRS (SHRI VEERENDRA PATIL): (a) As assessed by Seventh Five Year Plan Working Group demand estimates of Pyrazinamide during 1985-86 is 25 tonnes.

(b) and (c) To the extent details available, names of companies holding industrial approval for Pyrazin-